

Amended 3/23/16

A. Edit text from West to East.

B. Include two additional signatures Page 2.1.

Date: March 18, 2016

PLANNING COMMISSION

To: Cody Scheel  
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AGENDA ITEM: 3

DATE: 3/24/16

From: Henry and Lisa Hulse, 3940 Grove Street, Cambria CA 93428; and Other Concerned/Impacted Neighbors

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Subject: **AGAINST--** DRC2015-00047 Recycling Collection Station

HEARING DATE: March 24, 2016, 9 AM

This letter shall serve as opposition to the request to locate the Cambria Recycling Collection Station to Tamsen St, Cambria, as outlined in San Luis Obispo County application DRC2015-00047.

Overall, we are concerned that approval of the recycling center at this location will have an adverse and prolonged impact on neighboring residents' tranquility, well-being, and property values due to unacceptable and perpetual noise, litter, and increased traffic and associated car emissions.

Existing Issues / Concerns

- **Noise level is unacceptable.** The process of adding and emptying glass and other recyclables to containers for storage and transport throughout the day is extremely loud, and disturbs the local Cambria residents and visitors who live near or visit areas in close proximity to the recycling collection center. It is our understanding that the recycling collection center is in violation of San Luis Obispo code with respect to proximity to residential properties; after experiencing the high noise levels for over a year it is very obvious why the county established the prudent restrictions in both proximity to residential neighborhoods and size of operations. Further exacerbating the noise level is the fact that the 550 square feet is 5.5 times larger than the maximum allowable area for a recycling station per the county public hearing notification. This significant increase in size/volume obviously emits substantially more noise—from both frequency and volume of activity—than the 100 square feet maximum established by the county.

- **Littering of <sup>easterly (H+)</sup> westerly properties.** Trash, specifically empty plastics bags and other loose debris, is left at the site or overlooked and unsecured or not properly placed in closed containers creating chronic littering problems in the area. Trash is carried by the westerly winds that typically blow from the ocean in this coastal community to adjacent properties, creating unsightly and adverse aesthetic and environmental impacts. It is evident that this has been going on for years as trash bags directly <sup>east (H+)</sup> west of the recycle center can be found on properties degrading from years of exposure to the sun and natural elements. This littering is not only a violation of county and state law, but it adversely impacts the wildlife that feed in the area such as deer, turkey and birds. This chronic littering directly impacts both an open commercial lot and two residential lots to the <sup>east (H+)</sup> west and the rubbish can be seen from Main Street in Cambria and neighboring properties impacting aesthetics for property owners and tourists. Henry and Lisa have repeatedly removed litter from their property caused by the recycling center to no avail as trash continues to emit from the recycling center.

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- a. *Surrounding land use.* Although the application specifically identifies land surrounding said property, it fails to highlight that not only is residential North of the location, but also in close proximity to residential properties East <sup>(111)</sup> and South. [See Exhibit A]

2. **Commercial / Industrial Project Information.**

- a. *Days of operation.* Being subject to the loud consistent crashing of glass into containers is very disturbing not only during the week but especially on the weekends. Residents' guests frequently visit from out of town and this is hardly what we or our guests expect to hear most of the Saturday while trying to enjoy a weekend in Cambria. Additionally, there appears to be "off-hours" operations whereby the workers continue with high noise levels of crashing glass, etc. as they prepare for or wind down daily operations.
- b. *Has a traffic study been prepared—applicant answered "NO".* There will obviously be increased traffic with a recycle center with constant ingress and egress and we feel that a traffic study needs to be completed before any further consideration of this application.

Additional neighbors impacted by the aforementioned and AGAINST the county approval of the recycling center location at Tamsen St, Cambria:

## 1. Name: Henry and Lisa Hulse

Address: 3940 Grove St, Cambria CA 93428

Signature/Date: Henry Hulse 3/26/16 Lisa Hulse

## 2. Name: Dwaine &amp; Judy Ogden

Address: 4925 Grove St., Cambria, CA 93428

Signature/Date: Judy H. Ogden

## 3. Name: Cesar Avila

Address: 4985 Grove St. Cambria, CA 93428

Signature/Date: Cesar Avila

## 4. Name: GERRY ADAMS

Address: 4760 GROVE ST

Signature/Date: Gerry Adams 3-20-16

## 5. Name: JOHN &amp; LAY MORRISON

Address: 4909 GROVE STREET CAMBRIA, CA 93428

Signature/Date: John & Lay Morrison

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Included as additional signatures subsequently obtained see below (HH)

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1. Name: Henry and Lisa Hulse

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Signature/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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67. Name: Allyson Dallanpan

Address: 4975 Grove St.

Signature/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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(HH)

71. Name: MIKE & BETH KEOGH

Address: 1138 PINEWOOD DR, CAMBRIA CA. 93428

Signature/Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 3/23/16

4. Name:

Address:

Signature/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name:

Address:

Signature/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Exhibit A.



- ★ Location of recycling center
- Litter zone from recycle center
- Residential